

Missouri Census Update



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You will know the population total for your town or county no later than April 1, 2001

Census 2000 data release

The first round of detailed Census 2000 information will be released in the spring of 2001. State governors must receive this first data product—called the Redistricting Data Summary File or Public Law 94-171—no later than April 1, 2001.

The PL 94-171 file, as it is commonly called, will contain the data used for local redistricting. Redistricting establishes post-census congressional, state senate, and state representative districts, reflecting population changes since the 1990 census.

The file will contain the following information for census geographies down to the census block level (including county, county subdivision/

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1990 census	2000 census
White	White
Black	Black or African American
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleutian	American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian or Pacific Islander	Asian
Other race	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
	Other race

Comparison of race categories and the order of appearance in 1990 census and Census 2000 data products

township, place/town, census tract, census block group, and census block):

- total population
- total housing count
- race tabulations (63 categories) with cross tabulations by "not Hispanic or Latino"
- total population age 18 and over

Race categories

The question about race on Census 2000 questionnaires represented the first time in our nation's history that respondents were allowed to select more than one race category. This reflects the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) revised standards (1997) for collecting and tabulating data on race and ethnicity. As a result, Census 2000 categories for race will be more detailed than in

the past and will be shown in 63 categories.

The detailed tables for PL94-171 will allow data users to determine the number of people who identified only one race and the number who identified more than one race (e.g., Asian and black, white and black, American Indian and Asian, etc.).

Hispanic origin

For Census 2000 and prior censuses, Hispanic origin is considered an ethnic designation, not a racial category. OMB standards specify that race and ethnicity are considered to be two separate concepts; therefore, one question on the census questionnaire asks for race designation—a separate question is asked for Hispanic origin. There are white Hispanics, black

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Social Security statistics

The first Social Security check was issued in 1940 when Ida May Fuller of Ludlow, Vermont, received a check for \$22.54. Today, there are more than 44 million Social Security beneficiaries, including retired and disabled workers, as well as surviving spouses and children. Each year, beneficiaries receive a total of some \$375 billion. The average monthly benefit check is \$780.

Source: *Profile America*, U.S. Census Bureau

Census 2000 data release

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Hispanics, Asian Hispanics, etc. Only numbers for non-Hispanics (both total population and the 18 and older population) will be included in the PL94-171 file. More detailed Hispanic data will be released in later data products, such as Summary File 1—scheduled for release on a state-by-state basis between June 2001 and June 2002—and Summary File 2, which will be released between October 2001 and July 2002.

1970 was the first census to include a question about Hispanic origin, when

it was introduced on the long-form questionnaire. By 1980, this question had moved to the short form and was asked of everyone. It was also a short-form question for the 1990 census and for Census 2000.

Demonstration CD-ROM

A limited number of Census 2000 demonstration CD-ROMs are available free of charge from the Census Bureau's Customer Service Division at 301-457-4100. Census Bureau affiliates and coordinating agencies (see page 2 for list), in the Missouri Census Data Center Program have copies of the demonstration CD-ROM avail-

able for public use. The demonstration CD-ROM displays Census 2000 dress rehearsal data to show what the record layout will be for Census 2000 Public Law 94-171 data. The CD-ROM provides users an opportunity to familiarize themselves with Census 2000 browser software and the data format for the 63 race categories. Information about the CD-ROM is available on the Web at <http://tier2.census.gov/DemoDisc.htm>.

For additional information about Census 2000 products, contact the coordinator for the Missouri Census Data Center Program, Missouri State Library at 800-325-0131, ext. 10.

Below is an example of how race data will be presented in the Public Law 94-171 data product for a town of 3,481

RACE	Number All Ages	Percent All Ages	Number Age 18 and Over	Percent Age 18 and Over
Total population	3,481	100.0	2,900	100.0
One race	3,412	98.0	2,865	98.8
White	3,219	92.5	2,706	93.3
Black or African American	24	.7	22	.8
American Indian and Alaska Native	22	.6	14	.5
Asian	98	2.8	85	2.9
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	3	.1	3	.1
Some other race	46	1.3	35	1.2
Two or more races	69	2.0	35	1.2

Quick table from Public Law 94-171

Universe: Total Population

Total	3,481
Population of one race	3,412
White alone	3,219
Black or African American alone	24
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	22
Asian alone	98
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	3
Some other race alone	46
Population of two or more races	69
Population of two races	69
White: Black or African American	8
White: American Indian and Alaska Native	10
White: Asian	38

Detailed table from Public Law 94-171

Poverty estimates released for states, counties, and school districts

The Census Bureau has recently released updated (1997) poverty and income estimates for states, counties, and school districts throughout the country. Nationwide, there are 3,141 counties and approximately 15,000 school districts.

The state and county estimates include: 1) median household income, 2) total estimates number and percentage in poverty, 3) estimated number in poverty who are under age 18, and 4) estimated number of related children who are age 5-17 and live in families.

The school district estimates show: 1) total district population, 2) total number of children ages 5-17 in the district, and 3) the number of poor children ages 5-17 in families who live in the district.

Other than decennial census figures, this marks the second time the Census Bureau has produced school district poverty estimates. The earlier estimates—for income year 1995—were evaluated by a special panel of the National Academy of Sciences and, despite much uncertainty associated with small-area estimates, they were endorsed by the panel for use by the Department of Education to fund Title I grants in 1999.

The Census Bureau produced the school district estimates by combining 1990 census data for school districts with 1997 county poverty and population estimates. While the school district population and poverty estimates are for income year 1997, they were produced for school district areas in existence as of July 30, 1999.

Information about the construction and precision of the estimates are posted on the Census Bureau's website at: <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saie/school/sd97over.html>

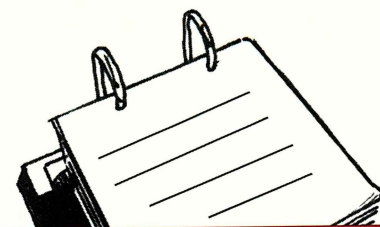
Poverty estimates for states, counties,

and school districts can be accessed from the Census Bureau's website at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saie.html>. Contact the Missouri Census

Data Center at 800-325-0131, ext. 10, for an electronic spreadsheet, or to request a free paper copy of the estimates.

Area	1997 Estimated Number in Poverty	90% Confidence Level Numbers	Percent Estimated in Poverty in 1997	90% Confidence Level Percentages
Missouri	658,159	608,771 to 707,547	12.2	11.3 to 13.1
Adair County	3,287	2,526 to 4,048	15.4	11.8 to 18.9
Andrew County	1,352	1,021 to 1,682	8.7	6.6 to 10.8
Atchison County	823	635 to 1,011	12.4	9.5 to 15.2
Audrain County	2,922	2,270 to 3,574	12.5	9.7 to 15.2
Barry County	5,171	4,017 to 6,325	15.5	12.0 to 18.9
Barton County	1,649	1,282 to 2,017	13.6	10.5 to 16.6
Bates County	2,259	1,775 to 2,742	14.2	11.2 to 17.3
Benton County	2,955	2,306 to 3,604	17.3	13.5 to 21.1
Bollinger County	1,913	1,500 to 2,326	16.4	12.9 to 19.9
Boone County	13,817	10,872 to 16,762	11.4	9.0 to 13.9
Buchanan County	11,698	9,256 to 14,141	14.4	11.4 to 17.4
Butler County	8,120	6,376 to 9,863	20	15.7 to 24.3
Caldwell County	1,183	918 to 1,447	13.5	10.5 to 16.5
Callaway County	3,747	2,950 to 4,544	10.6	8.4 to 12.9
Camden County	4,131	3,212 to 5,051	12.1	9.4 to 14.7
Cape Girardeau County	7,476	5,904 to 9,047	11.6	9.2 to 14.1
Carroll County	1,495	1,169 to 1,820	14.6	11.5 to 17.8
Carter County	1,599	1,236 to 1,962	24.8	19.2 to 30.4
Cass County	5,830	4,567 to 7,094	7.2	5.6 to 8.7
Cedar County	2,406	1,884 to 2,928	18.3	14.3 to 22.3
Chariton County	1,092	854 to 1,330	12.6	9.9 to 15.4
Christian County	4,518	3,499 to 5,536	9.1	7.1 to 11.2
Clark County	1,087	846 to 1,327	14.5	11.3 to 17.8
Clay County	9,808	7,666 to 11,950	5.5	4.3 to 6.8
Clinton County	1,785	1,394 to 2,175	9.4	7.3 to 11.4
Cole County	5,301	4,144 to 6,459	8.2	6.4 to 10.0
Cooper County	1,682	1,317 to 2,048	11.6	9.1 to 14.1
Crawford County	3,550	2,771 to 4,329	15.8	12.3 to 19.3
Dade County	1,200	937 to 1,462	15.5	12.1 to 18.9
Dallas County	2,540	1,984 to 3,097	16.4	12.8 to 20.0
Daviess County	1,286	995 to 1,577	16.2	12.5 to 19.9
DeKalb County	1,429	1,025 to 1,833	16.7	12.0 to 21.4
Dent County	2,765	2,166 to 3,364	19.5	15.3 to 23.7
Douglas County	2,704	2,092 to 3,317	21.5	16.6 to 26.4
Dunklin County	7,827	6,114 to 9,539	23.9	18.7 to 29.1
Franklin County	7,778	6,125 to 9,432	8.4	6.6 to 10.2
Gasconade County	1,581	1,237 to 1,925	10.7	8.4 to 13.0
Gentry County	884	684 to 1,084	13	10.0 to 15.9
Greene County	26,959	21,298 to 32,620	12.2	9.7 to 14.8
Grundy County	1,492	1,163 to 1,821	14.8	11.5 to 18.1
Harrison County	1,312	1,026 to 1,598	15.6	12.2 to 19.0
Henry County	3,091	2,427 to 3,756	14.5	11.4 to 17.6
Hickory County	1,682	1,303 to 2,061	19.4	15.0 to 23.8
Holt County	777	603 to 951	14.1	11.0 to 17.3
Howard County	1,285	1,004 to 1,565	13.9	10.9 to 16.9
Howell County	7,022	5,458 to 8,586	19.6	15.2 to 23.9
Iron County	2,222	1,739 to 2,705	20.8	16.3 to 25.4
Jackson County	80,422	63,635 to 97,209	12.2	9.7 to 14.8
Jasper County	13,943	10,977 to 16,910	14	11.0 to 17.0
Jefferson County	15,310	12,051 to 18,568	7.8	6.1 to 9.4
Johnson County	5,303	4,158 to 6,448	12.1	9.5 to 14.7
Knox County	796	607 to 984	18.2	13.9 to 22.5
Laclede County	4,675	3,672 to 5,679	15	11.8 to 18.2

Area	1997 Estimated Number in Poverty	90% Confidence Level Numbers	Percent Estimated in Poverty in 1997	90% Confidence Level Percentages
Lafayette County	3,483	2,736 to 4,229	10.8	8.4 to 13.1
Lawrence County	4,856	3,804 to 5,908	14.7	11.5 to 17.9
Lewis County	1,376	1,077 to 1,676	14.6	11.4 to 17.8
Lincoln County	3,725	2,918 to 4,532	10.1	7.9 to 12.3
Linn County	1,939	1,519 to 2,360	14.2	11.1 to 17.3
Livingston County	1,769	1,385 to 2,153	13.1	10.3 to 16.0
McDonald County	3,844	3,002 to 4,686	19	14.9 to 23.2
Macon County	1,812	1,420 to 2,204	11.9	9.3 to 14.5
Madison County	2,044	1,601 to 2,487	17.7	13.9 to 21.5
Maries County	1,207	945 to 1,469	14.3	11.2 to 17.3
Marion County	3,803	2,968 to 4,639	13.8	10.7 to 16.8
Mercer County	575	445 to 704	14.4	11.2 to 17.6
Miller County	3,441	2,698 to 4,184	15.3	12.0 to 18.6
Mississippi County	3,509	2,729 to 4,288	26.1	20.3 to 31.9
Moniteau County	1,257	980 to 1,533	9.6	7.5 to 11.7
Monroe County	1,093	853 to 1,334	12.1	9.4 to 14.8
Montgomery County	1,532	1,200 to 1,863	12.8	10.0 to 15.6
Morgan County	2,934	2,273 to 3,596	15.8	12.3 to 19.4
New Madrid County	4,541	3,549 to 5,533	22.3	17.4 to 27.1
Newton County	6,387	5,010 to 7,764	12.9	10.1 to 15.7
Nodaway County	2,256	1,713 to 2,799	12.3	9.3 to 15.2
Oregon County	2,443	1,892 to 2,993	23.8	18.4 to 29.2
Osage County	993	776 to 1,210	7.9	6.2 to 9.6
Ozark County	2,128	1,635 to 2,620	21.2	16.3 to 26.2
Pemiscot County	6,106	4,760 to 7,453	28.4	22.1 to 34.6
Perry County	1,723	1,352 to 2,095	9.9	7.7 to 12.0
Pettis County	4,924	3,867 to 5,980	13.1	10.3 to 15.9
Phelps County	5,721	4,498 to 6,944	15.5	12.2 to 18.9
Pike County	2,198	1,718 to 2,677	13.5	10.5 to 16.4
Platte County	3,453	2,686 to 4,219	4.9	3.8 to 6.0
Polk County	4,089	3,189 to 4,989	16.6	12.9 to 20.2
Pulaski County	4,956	3,891 to 6,021	14.3	11.3 to 17.4
Putnam County	866	672 to 1,059	17.5	13.6 to 21.4
Ralls County	1,080	789 to 1,370	12	8.8 to 15.2
Randolph County	3,712	2,904 to 4,519	16.8	13.2 to 20.5
Ray County	2,323	1,799 to 2,847	9.7	7.5 to 11.9
Reynolds County	1,558	1,203 to 1,912	23.3	18.0 to 28.6
Ripley County	3,684	2,862 to 4,505	26	20.2 to 31.8
St. Charles County	12,804	9,957 to 15,651	4.7	3.6 to 5.7
St. Clair County	1,730	1,351 to 2,110	19.2	15.0 to 23.4
Ste. Genevieve County	1,649	1,283 to 2,014	9.4	7.3 to 11.5
St. Francois County	8,587	6,744 to 10,429	16.3	12.8 to 19.8
St. Louis County	72,453	57,038 to 87,868	7.2	5.7 to 8.8
Saline County	2,804	2,203 to 3,405	13.1	10.3 to 15.9
Schuyler County	740	573 to 906	16.5	12.8 to 20.2
Scotland County	864	667 to 1,060	18	13.9 to 22.1
Scott County	7,055	5,541 to 8,569	17.4	13.7 to 21.2
Shannon County	2,122	1,631 to 2,613	25.4	19.5 to 31.2
Shelby County	929	724 to 1,133	14	10.9 to 17.0
Stoddard County	5,063	3,980 to 6,146	17	13.4 to 20.7
Stone County	3,547	2,756 to 4,338	13.1	10.1 to 16.0
Sullivan County	1,180	918 to 1,441	17	13.2 to 20.8
Taney County	4,446	3,424 to 5,469	13.1	10.1 to 16.1
Texas County	4,665	3,615 to 5,716	20.7	16.0 to 25.3
Vernon County	3,121	2,450 to 3,791	16.4	12.8 to 19.9
Warren County	2,104	1,640 to 2,568	8.5	6.6 to 10.4
Washington County	5,269	4,098 to 6,441	23.5	18.3 to 28.8
Wayne County	3,338	2,578 to 4,099	25.4	19.6 to 31.2
Webster County	4,492	3,472 to 5,512	15.5	12.0 to 19.1
Worth County	431	334 to 527	19.1	14.8 to 23.4
Wright County	4,043	3,150 to 4,937	20.5	15.9 to 25.0
St. Louis City	86,448	67,941 to 104,955	25.7	20.2 to 31.3



Calendar

September 2001: Missouri Census Data Center's next annual conference

Data from Census 2000 will be the centerpiece

The Missouri Census Data Center (MCDC) annual conference is scheduled for September 25 and 26, 2001, at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in Columbia, Missouri. Holding the conference in September, rather than July, will allow attendees to view and discuss information that will be released by the Census Bureau next summer in the Summary File 1.

Summary File 1 includes the counts and basic cross-tabulations of information collected from all housing units (100 percent count questions that appeared on both the short-form and long-form Census 2000 questionnaires). Watch for future information about training sessions to be held during the morning of September 25 in conjunction with the MCDC annual conference.



Census Bureau Conference in October 2001

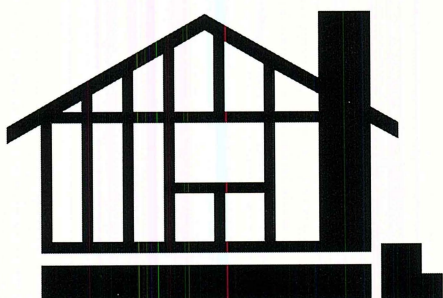
The Census Bureau's National State Census Data Center meeting will be held October 10-12, 2001, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Alexandria, Virginia. Watch for more information and conference registration materials in future issues of *Missouri Census Update*.

New, privately-owned housing units authorized by building permit

Year-to-date: October 2000 (unadjusted units by metropolitan statistical area)

Total units	Total Units	1 Unit	2 Units	3 and 4 Units	5 Units or more
Columbia, MO MSA	1,154	802	68	8	276
Joplin, MO MSA	216	156	4	8	48
Kansas City, MO-KS MSA	11,475	8,280	452	323	2,420
St. Joseph, MO MSA	166	128	6	3	29
St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	10,931	8,311	222	263	2,135
Springfield, MO MSA	2,217	1,576	72	25	544

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census



The **Columbia MSA** is comprised of Boone County, Missouri; the **Joplin MSA** is comprised of Jasper and Newton counties in Missouri; the **Kansas City MSA** includes seven counties in Missouri: Cass, Clay, Clinton, Jackson, Lafayette, Platte, and Ray, plus four counties in Kansas: Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte; the **St. Joseph MSA** includes Andrew and Buchanan counties in Missouri; the **St. Louis MSA** includes the City of St. Louis and six counties in Missouri: Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, and Warren, plus five counties in Illinois: Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair; the **Springfield MSA** is comprised of Christian, Greene, and Webster counties in Missouri.

65 percent of Missouri towns have populations under 1,000

According to 1999 population estimates, 10 of Missouri's 947 incorporated or census-designated cities, towns, and villages have a population of more than 50,000; 611 have a population of fewer than 1,000. Out of that 611, nine have fewer than 30 residents. Kansas City ranks as Missouri's largest city at the dawn of the new century, with an estimated population of 437,764; Cave, in Lincoln County, is the smallest, with an estimated population of 12.

These final population estimates before Census 2000 show 35 percent of Missouri towns (336) have a population level above 1,000; 65 percent have a population below 1,000.

Current population estimates and historical figures for Missouri towns and counties are posted on the State Library's website at <http://mosl.sos.state.mo.us/lib-ser/libref/census/mocensus.html>.

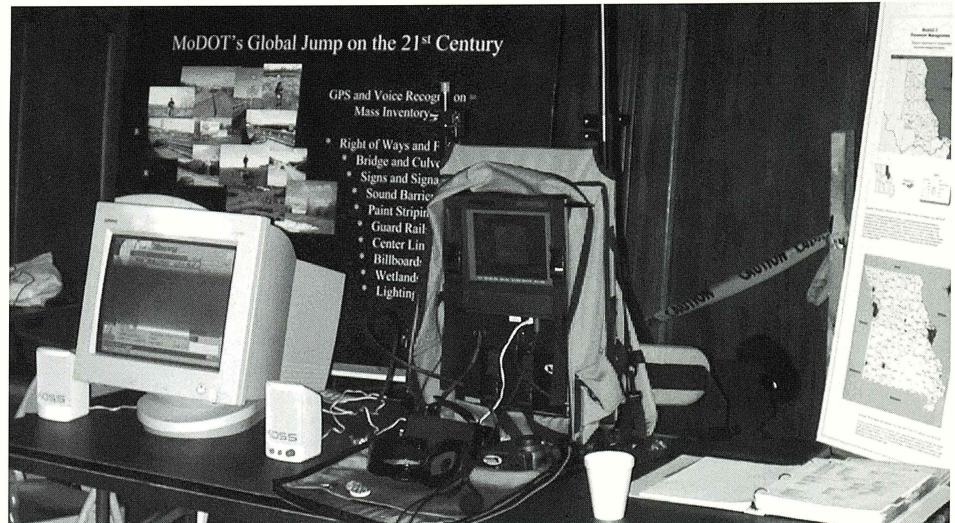
1999 Population Ranges of Missouri Towns	Number of Missouri Towns in Range
12 - 99	96
100 - 249	191
250 - 499	172
500 - 999	152
1,000 - 2,499	141
2,500 - 4,999	82
5,000 - 9,999	50
10,000 - 19,999	32
20,000 - 49,999	21
50,000 - 99,999	6
100,000 - 149,999	2
150,000 +	2

Population ranges for Missouri towns and cities

Missouri Geographic Information Systems Conference—a “spatial” odyssey

The sixth annual Missouri Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Conference will be held March 26-28 at the Holiday Inn Select Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri. This year's theme is “2001: A Spatial Odyssey.” The purpose of the conference is to foster communication and share ideas about geographic technologies, techniques, data, and information within the Missouri user community.

Geographic information systems constitute a set of software and hardware tools for managing information about places on the earth's surface (e.g., land parcels, watersheds, census blocks/tracts, and roads). The GIS conference is designed to appeal to prospective, new, and experienced users of these technologies and will address topics such as GIS planning, federal initiatives, Census 2000, how local governments use GIS, and GIS applications for the areas of natural



Missouri Department of Transportation's GIS display at the Capitol Rotunda on GIS Day 2000

resources, social services, demography, transportation, utilities, and education. Along with keynote presentations, there will be more than 20 concurrent sessions. There will also be a vendor area and poster showcase to exhibit the latest in GIS technology and outstanding GIS projects

currently being used across our state.

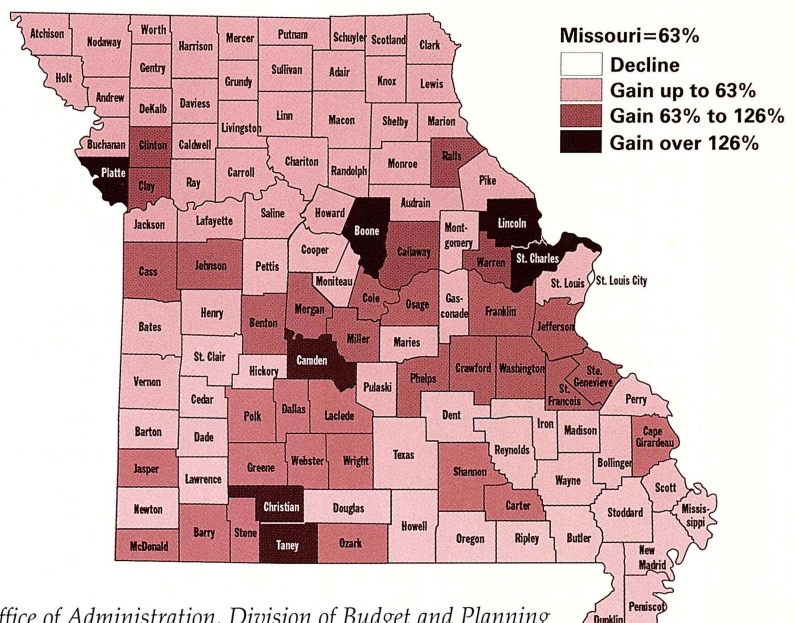
The Missouri GIS annual conference is sponsored by the Missouri GIS Advisory Committee, the Missouri Spatial Data Information Service, and the University of Missouri Conference Office.

Into the future: Missouri population projections to 2025

According to population projections from the Missouri Office of Administration's Division of Budget and Planning, Missouri's population will rise to 6,182,539 by the year 2025. Projections for Missouri and Missouri counties are available on the Web at <http://www.oa.state.mo.us/bp/projections/index.htm> for the years 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020, and 2025. In addition to total population, the projections are also available for the population by age, in five-year age increments. Under the “choose your own scenario” option on the Web page, users may build any of 36 scenarios using low, middle, or high selections for fertility, mortality, and net migration.

Projections are used to predict and analyze a variety of factors, including baby boomer retirement.

Baby Boomers Retire
Percent change in the elderly population (ages 60 years and over): 2000 to 2025



Map courtesy of Missouri Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning

"Census Sam and the Census Plan"

by Mary Ann Nida, Census Bureau Regional Office in Detroit, Michigan

I am Sam, Census Sam.

That Census Sam, that Census Sam, I
do not like that Census Sam.

Do you like the Census Plan?

I do not like it Census Sam, I do not
like the Census Plan.

Would you answer here or there?

I would not answer here or there, I
would not answer anywhere.

I do not like the Census Plan; I do not
like it, Census Sam.

Would you answer at your house?
Would you answer with your
spouse?

I would not answer at my house; I
would not answer with my spouse.

I would not answer here or there, I
would not answer anywhere.

I do not like the Census Plan, I do not
like it, Census Sam.

How 'bout tonight, when you get
home—you could answer on the
phone.

I will not answer when I get home,

I will not answer on the phone.

I will not answer at my house.

I will not answer with my spouse.

I will not answer here or there; I will
not answer anywhere.

I do not like the Census Plan, I do not
like it, Census Sam.

Would you answer just for me? It
could help your community.

I will not answer just for you.

I will not answer when I get home.

I will not answer on the phone.

I will not answer at my house.

I will not answer with my spouse.

Not here or there, not anywhere!

I do not like the Census Plan, I do not
like it, Census Sam.

Do you have a job, and a son named
Bob?

Do you rent or do you own? Do you
have a telephone?

Do you work every day, and do you
receive any pay?

Do you have savings for when you're
old, and where did you go when
your company sold?

Isn't it time you see what this is, the
survey we call CPS [Current Popu-
lation Survey]?

Sam, if I answer, will you let me be?

Indeed, indeed. For you to answer is
all I need.

So Sam got his chance with the skept-
ical man.

And when he finished, Sam smiled
and asked, so tell me, respondent,
what do you think?

And the respondent replied:

Wow! It's as simple as it can be, and
I'm not in any misery.

This Census Plan is truly great. Do
they do this in every state?

And if I answer and don't whine, it
will be much faster next time.

I do so like the Census Plan. Thank
you, thank you, Census Sam.

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You will know the population total for your town or county no later than April 1, 2001

Census 2000 data release

The first round of detailed Census 2000 information will be released in the spring of 2001. State governors must receive this first data product—called the Redistricting Data Summary File or Public Law 94-171—no later than April 1, 2001.

The PL 94-171 file, as it is commonly called, will contain the data used for local redistricting. Redistricting establishes post-census congressional, state senate, and state representative districts, reflecting population changes since the 1990 census.

The file will contain the following information for census geographies down to the census block level (including county, county subdivision/

1990 census	2000 census
White	White
Black	Black or African American
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleutian	American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian or Pacific Islander	Asian
Other race	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
	Other race

Comparison of race categories and the order of appearance in 1990 census and Census 2000 data products

township, place/town, census tract, census block group, and census block):

- total population
- total housing count
- race tabulations (63 categories) with cross tabulations by "not Hispanic or Latino"
- total population age 18 and over

Race categories

The question about race on Census 2000 questionnaires represented the first time in our nation's history that respondents were allowed to select more than one race category. This reflects the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) revised standards (1997) for collecting and tabulating data on race and ethnicity. As a result, Census 2000 categories for race will be more detailed than in

the past and will be shown in 63 categories.

The detailed tables for PL94-171 will allow data users to determine the number of people who identified only one race and the number who identified more than one race (e.g., Asian and black, white and black, American Indian and Asian, etc.).

Hispanic origin

For Census 2000 and prior censuses, Hispanic origin is considered an ethnic designation, not a racial category. OMB standards specify that race and ethnicity are considered to be two separate concepts; therefore, one question on the census questionnaire asks for race designation—a separate question is asked for Hispanic origin. There are white Hispanics, black

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Social Security statistics

The first Social Security check was issued in 1940 when Ida May Fuller of Ludlow, Vermont, received a check for \$22.54. Today, there are more than 44 million Social Security beneficiaries, including retired and disabled workers, as well as surviving spouses and children. Each year, beneficiaries receive a total of some \$375 billion. The average monthly benefit check is \$780.

Source: *Profile America*, U.S. Census Bureau

Census 2000 data release

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Hispanics, Asian Hispanics, etc. Only numbers for non-Hispanics (both total population and the 18 and older population) will be included in the PL94-171 file. More detailed Hispanic data will be released in later data products, such as Summary File 1—scheduled for release on a state-by-state basis between June 2001 and June 2002—and Summary File 2, which will be released between October 2001 and July 2002.

1970 was the first census to include a question about Hispanic origin, when

it was introduced on the long-form questionnaire. By 1980, this question had moved to the short form and was asked of everyone. It was also a short-form question for the 1990 census and for Census 2000.

Demonstration CD-ROM

A limited number of Census 2000 demonstration CD-ROMs are available free of charge from the Census Bureau's Customer Service Division at 301-457-4100. Census Bureau affiliates and coordinating agencies (see page 2 for list), in the Missouri Census Data Center Program have copies of the demonstration CD-ROM avail-

able for public use. The demonstration CD-ROM displays Census 2000 dress rehearsal data to show what the record layout will be for Census 2000 Public Law 94-171 data. The CD-ROM provides users an opportunity to familiarize themselves with Census 2000 browser software and the data format for the 63 race categories. Information about the CD-ROM is available on the Web at <http://tier2.census.gov/DemoDisc.htm>.

For additional information about Census 2000 products, contact the coordinator for the Missouri Census Data Center Program, Missouri State Library at 800-325-0131, ext. 10.

Below is an example of how race data will be presented in the Public Law 94-171 data product for a town of 3,481

RACE	Number All Ages	Percent All Ages	Number Age 18 and Over	Percent Age 18 and Over
Total population	3,481	100.0	2,900	100.0
One race	3,412	98.0	2,865	98.8
White	3,219	92.5	2,706	93.3
Black or African American	24	.7	22	.8
American Indian and Alaska Native	22	.6	14	.5
Asian	98	2.8	85	2.9
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	3	.1	3	.1
Some other race	46	1.3	35	1.2
Two or more races	69	2.0	35	1.2

Quick table from Public Law 94-171

Universe: Total Population

Total	3,481
Population of one race	3,412
White alone	3,219
Black or African American alone	24
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	22
Asian alone	98
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	3
Some other race alone	46
Population of two or more races	69
Population of two races	69
White: Black or African American	8
White: American Indian and Alaska Native	10
White: Asian	38

Detailed table from Public Law 94-171

Poverty estimates released for states, counties, and school districts

The Census Bureau has recently released updated (1997) poverty and income estimates for states, counties, and school districts throughout the country. Nationwide, there are 3,141 counties and approximately 15,000 school districts.

The state and county estimates include: 1) median household income, 2) total estimates number and percentage in poverty, 3) estimated number in poverty who are under age 18, and 4) estimated number of related children who are age 5-17 and live in families.

The school district estimates show: 1) total district population, 2) total number of children ages 5-17 in the district, and 3) the number of poor children ages 5-17 in families who live in the district.

Other than decennial census figures, this marks the second time the Census Bureau has produced school district poverty estimates. The earlier estimates—for income year 1995—were evaluated by a special panel of the National Academy of Sciences and, despite much uncertainty associated with small-area estimates, they were endorsed by the panel for use by the Department of Education to fund Title I grants in 1999.

The Census Bureau produced the school district estimates by combining 1990 census data for school districts with 1997 county poverty and population estimates. While the school district population and poverty estimates are for income year 1997, they were produced for school district areas in existence as of July 30, 1999.

Information about the construction and precision of the estimates are posted on the Census Bureau's website at: <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/school/sd97over.html>

Poverty estimates for states, counties,

and school districts can be accessed from the Census Bureau's website at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe.html>. Contact the Missouri Census

Data Center at 800-325-0131, ext. 10, for an electronic spreadsheet, or to request a free paper copy of the estimates.

Area	1997 Estimated Number in Poverty	90% Confidence Level Numbers	Percent Estimated in Poverty in 1997	90% Confidence Level Percentages
Missouri	658,159	608,771 to 707,547	12.2	11.3 to 13.1
Adair County	3,287	2,526 to 4,048	15.4	11.8 to 18.9
Andrew County	1,352	1,021 to 1,682	8.7	6.6 to 10.8
Atchison County	823	635 to 1,011	12.4	9.5 to 15.2
Audrain County	2,922	2,270 to 3,574	12.5	9.7 to 15.2
Barry County	5,171	4,017 to 6,325	15.5	12.0 to 18.9
Barton County	1,649	1,282 to 2,017	13.6	10.5 to 16.6
Bates County	2,259	1,775 to 2,742	14.2	11.2 to 17.3
Benton County	2,955	2,306 to 3,604	17.3	13.5 to 21.1
Bollinger County	1,913	1,500 to 2,326	16.4	12.9 to 19.9
Boone County	13,817	10,872 to 16,762	11.4	9.0 to 13.9
Buchanan County	11,698	9,256 to 14,141	14.4	11.4 to 17.4
Butler County	8,120	6,376 to 9,863	20	15.7 to 24.3
Caldwell County	1,183	918 to 1,447	13.5	10.5 to 16.5
Callaway County	3,747	2,950 to 4,544	10.6	8.4 to 12.9
Camden County	4,131	3,212 to 5,051	12.1	9.4 to 14.7
Cape Girardeau County	7,476	5,904 to 9,047	11.6	9.2 to 14.1
Carroll County	1,495	1,169 to 1,820	14.6	11.5 to 17.8
Carter County	1,599	1,236 to 1,962	24.8	19.2 to 30.4
Cass County	5,830	4,567 to 7,094	7.2	5.6 to 8.7
Cedar County	2,406	1,884 to 2,928	18.3	14.3 to 22.3
Chariton County	1,092	854 to 1,330	12.6	9.9 to 15.4
Christian County	4,518	3,499 to 5,536	9.1	7.1 to 11.2
Clark County	1,087	846 to 1,327	14.5	11.3 to 17.8
Clay County	9,808	7,666 to 11,950	5.5	4.3 to 6.8
Clinton County	1,785	1,394 to 2,175	9.4	7.3 to 11.4
Cole County	5,301	4,144 to 6,459	8.2	6.4 to 10.0
Cooper County	1,682	1,317 to 2,048	11.6	9.1 to 14.1
Crawford County	3,550	2,771 to 4,329	15.8	12.3 to 19.3
Dade County	1,200	937 to 1,462	15.5	12.1 to 18.9
Dallas County	2,540	1,984 to 3,097	16.4	12.8 to 20.0
Daviess County	1,286	995 to 1,577	16.2	12.5 to 19.9
DeKalb County	1,429	1,025 to 1,833	16.7	12.0 to 21.4
Dent County	2,765	2,166 to 3,364	19.5	15.3 to 23.7
Douglas County	2,704	2,092 to 3,317	21.5	16.6 to 26.4
Dunklin County	7,827	6,114 to 9,539	23.9	18.7 to 29.1
Franklin County	7,778	6,125 to 9,432	8.4	6.6 to 10.2
Gasconade County	1,581	1,237 to 1,925	10.7	8.4 to 13.0
Gentry County	884	684 to 1,084	13	10.0 to 15.9
Greene County	26,959	21,298 to 32,620	12.2	9.7 to 14.8
Grundy County	1,492	1,163 to 1,821	14.8	11.5 to 18.1
Harrison County	1,312	1,026 to 1,598	15.6	12.2 to 19.0
Henry County	3,091	2,427 to 3,756	14.5	11.4 to 17.6
Hickory County	1,682	1,303 to 2,061	19.4	15.0 to 23.8
Holt County	777	603 to 951	14.1	11.0 to 17.3
Howard County	1,285	1,004 to 1,565	13.9	10.9 to 16.9
Howell County	7,022	5,458 to 8,586	19.6	15.2 to 23.9
Iron County	2,222	1,739 to 2,705	20.8	16.3 to 25.4
Jackson County	80,422	63,635 to 97,209	12.2	9.7 to 14.8
Jasper County	13,943	10,977 to 16,910	14	11.0 to 17.0
Jefferson County	15,310	12,051 to 18,568	7.8	6.1 to 9.4
Johnson County	5,303	4,158 to 6,448	12.1	9.5 to 14.7
Knox County	796	607 to 984	18.2	13.9 to 22.5
Laclede County	4,675	3,672 to 5,679	15	11.8 to 18.2

Area	1997 Estimated Number in Poverty	90% Confidence Level Numbers	Percent Estimated in Poverty in 1997	90% Confidence Level Percentages
Lafayette County	3,483	2,736 to 4,229	10.8	8.4 to 13.1
Lawrence County	4,856	3,804 to 5,908	14.7	11.5 to 17.9
Lewis County	1,376	1,077 to 1,676	14.6	11.4 to 17.8
Lincoln County	3,725	2,918 to 4,532	10.1	7.9 to 12.3
Linn County	1,939	1,519 to 2,360	14.2	11.1 to 17.3
Livingston County	1,769	1,385 to 2,153	13.1	10.3 to 16.0
McDonald County	3,844	3,002 to 4,686	19	14.9 to 23.2
Macon County	1,812	1,420 to 2,204	11.9	9.3 to 14.5
Madison County	2,044	1,601 to 2,487	17.7	13.9 to 21.5
Maries County	1,207	945 to 1,469	14.3	11.2 to 17.3
Marion County	3,803	2,968 to 4,639	13.8	10.7 to 16.8
Mercer County	575	445 to 704	14.4	11.2 to 17.6
Miller County	3,441	2,698 to 4,184	15.3	12.0 to 18.6
Mississippi County	3,509	2,729 to 4,288	26.1	20.3 to 31.9
Moniteau County	1,257	980 to 1,533	9.6	7.5 to 11.7
Monroe County	1,093	853 to 1,334	12.1	9.4 to 14.8
Montgomery County	1,532	1,200 to 1,863	12.8	10.0 to 15.6
Morgan County	2,934	2,273 to 3,596	15.8	12.3 to 19.4
New Madrid County	4,541	3,549 to 5,533	22.3	17.4 to 27.1
Newton County	6,387	5,010 to 7,764	12.9	10.1 to 15.7
Nodaway County	2,256	1,713 to 2,799	12.3	9.3 to 15.2
Oregon County	2,443	1,892 to 2,993	23.8	18.4 to 29.2
Osage County	993	776 to 1,210	7.9	6.2 to 9.6
Ozark County	2,128	1,635 to 2,620	21.2	16.3 to 26.2
Pemiscot County	6,106	4,760 to 7,453	28.4	22.1 to 34.6
Perry County	1,723	1,352 to 2,095	9.9	7.7 to 12.0
Pettis County	4,924	3,867 to 5,980	13.1	10.3 to 15.9
Phelps County	5,721	4,498 to 6,944	15.5	12.2 to 18.9
Pike County	2,198	1,718 to 2,677	13.5	10.5 to 16.4
Platte County	3,453	2,686 to 4,219	4.9	3.8 to 6.0
Polk County	4,089	3,189 to 4,989	16.6	12.9 to 20.2
Pulaski County	4,956	3,891 to 6,021	14.3	11.3 to 17.4
Putnam County	866	672 to 1,059	17.5	13.6 to 21.4
Ralls County	1,080	789 to 1,370	12	8.8 to 15.2
Randolph County	3,712	2,904 to 4,519	16.8	13.2 to 20.5
Ray County	2,323	1,799 to 2,847	9.7	7.5 to 11.9
Reynolds County	1,558	1,203 to 1,912	23.3	18.0 to 28.6
Ripley County	3,684	2,862 to 4,505	26	20.2 to 31.8
St. Charles County	12,804	9,957 to 15,651	4.7	3.6 to 5.7
St. Clair County	1,730	1,351 to 2,110	19.2	15.0 to 23.4
Ste. Genevieve County	1,649	1,283 to 2,014	9.4	7.3 to 11.5
St. Francois County	8,587	6,744 to 10,429	16.3	12.8 to 19.8
St. Louis County	72,453	57,038 to 87,868	7.2	5.7 to 8.8
Saline County	2,804	2,203 to 3,405	13.1	10.3 to 15.9
Schuyler County	740	573 to 906	16.5	12.8 to 20.2
Scotland County	864	667 to 1,060	18	13.9 to 22.1
Scott County	7,055	5,541 to 8,569	17.4	13.7 to 21.2
Shannon County	2,122	1,631 to 2,613	25.4	19.5 to 31.2
Shelby County	929	724 to 1,133	14	10.9 to 17.0
Stoddard County	5,063	3,980 to 6,146	17	13.4 to 20.7
Stone County	3,547	2,756 to 4,338	13.1	10.1 to 16.0
Sullivan County	1,180	918 to 1,441	17	13.2 to 20.8
Taney County	4,446	3,424 to 5,469	13.1	10.1 to 16.1
Texas County	4,665	3,615 to 5,716	20.7	16.0 to 25.3
Vernon County	3,121	2,450 to 3,791	16.4	12.8 to 19.9
Warren County	2,104	1,640 to 2,568	8.5	6.6 to 10.4
Washington County	5,269	4,098 to 6,441	23.5	18.3 to 28.8
Wayne County	3,338	2,578 to 4,099	25.4	19.6 to 31.2
Webster County	4,492	3,472 to 5,512	15.5	12.0 to 19.1
Worth County	431	334 to 527	19.1	14.8 to 23.4
Wright County	4,043	3,150 to 4,937	20.5	15.9 to 25.0
St. Louis City	86,448	67,941 to 104,955	25.7	20.2 to 31.3



Calendar

September 2001: Missouri Census Data Center's next annual conference

Data from Census 2000 will be the centerpiece

The Missouri Census Data Center (MCDC) annual conference is scheduled for September 25 and 26, 2001, at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in Columbia, Missouri. Holding the conference in September, rather than July, will allow attendees to view and discuss information that will be released by the Census Bureau next summer in the Summary File 1.

Summary File 1 includes the counts and basic cross-tabulations of information collected from all housing units (100 percent count questions that appeared on both the short-form and long-form Census 2000 questionnaires). Watch for future information about training sessions to be held during the morning of September 25 in conjunction with the MCDC annual conference.



Census Bureau Conference in October 2001

The Census Bureau's National State Census Data Center meeting will be held October 10-12, 2001, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Alexandria, Virginia. Watch for more information and conference registration materials in future issues of *Missouri Census Update*.

New, privately-owned housing units authorized by building permit

Year-to-date: October 2000 (unadjusted units by metropolitan statistical area)

Total units	Total Units	1 Unit	2 Units	3 and 4 Units	5 Units or more
Columbia, MO MSA	1,154	802	68	8	276
Joplin, MO MSA	216	156	4	8	48
Kansas City, MO-KS MSA	11,475	8,280	452	323	2,420
St. Joseph, MO MSA	166	128	6	3	29
St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	10,931	8,311	222	263	2,135
Springfield, MO MSA	2,217	1,576	72	25	544

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census



The **Columbia MSA** is comprised of Boone County, Missouri; the **Joplin MSA** is comprised of Jasper and Newton counties in Missouri; the **Kansas City MSA** includes seven counties in Missouri: Cass, Clay, Clinton, Jackson, Lafayette, Platte, and Ray, plus four counties in Kansas: Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte; the **St. Joseph MSA** includes Andrew and Buchanan counties in Missouri; the **St. Louis MSA** includes the City of St. Louis and six counties in Missouri: Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, and Warren, plus five counties in Illinois: Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair; the **Springfield MSA** is comprised of Christian, Greene, and Webster counties in Missouri.

65 percent of Missouri towns have populations under 1,000

According to 1999 population estimates, 10 of Missouri's 947 incorporated or census-designated cities, towns, and villages have a population of more than 50,000; 611 have a population of fewer than 1,000. Out of that 611, nine have fewer than 30 residents. Kansas City ranks as Missouri's largest city at the dawn of the new century, with an estimated population of 437,764; Cave, in Lincoln County, is the smallest, with an estimated population of 12.

These final population estimates before Census 2000 show 35 percent of Missouri towns (336) have a population level above 1,000; 65 percent have a population below 1,000.

Current population estimates and historical figures for Missouri towns and counties are posted on the State Library's website at <http://mosl.sos.state.mo.us/lib-ser/libref/census/mocensus.html>.

1999 Population Ranges of Missouri Towns

Number of Missouri Towns in Range

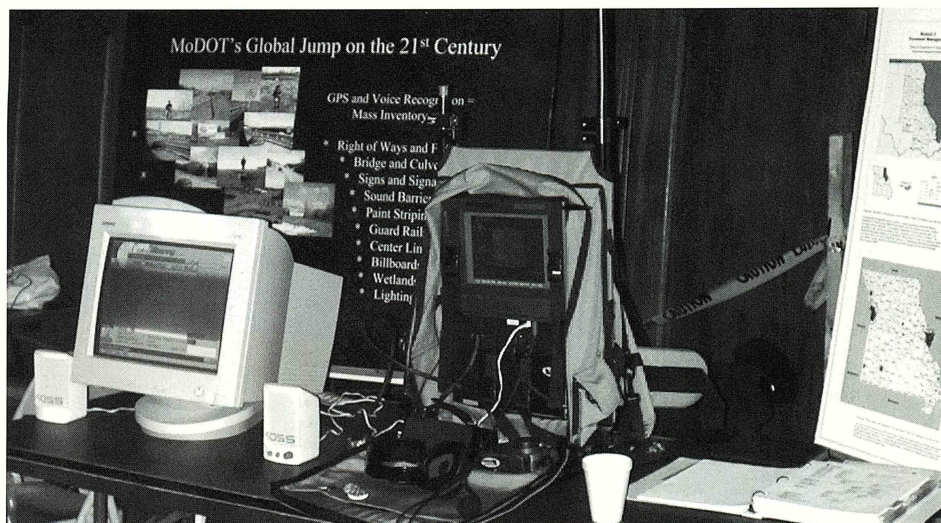
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100 - 249	191
250 - 499	172
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1,000 - 2,499	141
2,500 - 4,999	82
5,000 - 9,999	50
10,000 - 19,999	32
20,000 - 49,999	21
50,000 - 99,999	6
100,000 - 149,999	2
150,000 +	2

Population ranges for Missouri towns and cities

Missouri Geographic Information Systems Conference—a “spatial” odyssey

The sixth annual Missouri Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Conference will be held March 26-28 at the Holiday Inn Select Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri. This year's theme is “2001: A Spatial Odyssey.” The purpose of the conference is to foster communication and share ideas about geographic technologies, techniques, data, and information within the Missouri user community.

Geographic information systems constitute a set of software and hardware tools for managing information about places on the earth's surface (e.g., land parcels, watersheds, census blocks/tracts, and roads). The GIS conference is designed to appeal to prospective, new, and experienced users of these technologies and will address topics such as GIS planning, federal initiatives, Census 2000, how local governments use GIS, and GIS applications for the areas of natural



Missouri Department of Transportation's GIS display at the Capitol Rotunda on GIS Day 2000

resources, social services, demography, transportation, utilities, and education. Along with keynote presentations, there will be more than 20 concurrent sessions. There will also be a vendor area and poster showcase to exhibit the latest in GIS technology and outstanding GIS projects

currently being used across our state.

The Missouri GIS annual conference is sponsored by the Missouri GIS Advisory Committee, the Missouri Spatial Data Information Service, and the University of Missouri Conference Office.

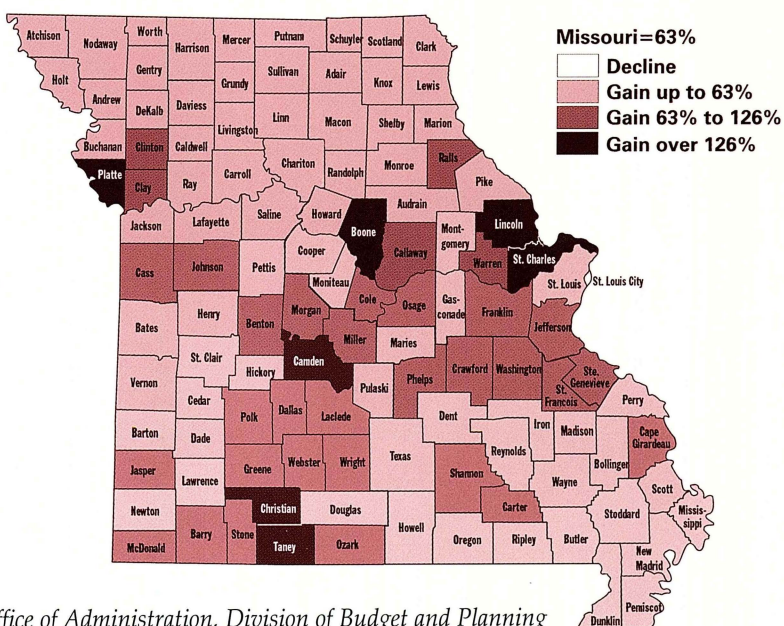
Into the future: Missouri population projections to 2025

According to population projections from the Missouri Office of Administration's Division of Budget and Planning, Missouri's population will rise to 6,182,539 by the year 2025. Projections for Missouri and Missouri counties are available on the Web at <http://www.oa.state.mo.us/bp/projections/index.htm> for the years 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020, and 2025. In addition to total population, the projections are also available for the population by age, in five-year age increments. Under the “choose your own scenario” option on the Web page, users may build any of 36 scenarios using low, middle, or high selections for fertility, mortality, and net migration.

Projections are used to predict and analyze a variety of factors, including baby boomer retirement.

Baby Boomers Retire

Percent change in the elderly population (ages 60 years and over): 2000 to 2025



Map courtesy of Missouri Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning

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“Census Sam and the Census Plan”

by Mary Ann Nida, Census Bureau Regional Office in Detroit, Michigan

I am Sam, Census Sam.

That Census Sam, that Census Sam, I
do not like that Census Sam.

Do you like the Census Plan?

I do not like it Census Sam, I do not
like the Census Plan.

Would you answer here or there?

I would not answer here or there, I
would not answer anywhere.

I do not like the Census Plan; I do not
like it, Census Sam.

Would you answer at your house?
Would you answer with your
spouse?

I would not answer at my house; I
would not answer with my spouse.

I would not answer here or there, I
would not answer anywhere.

I do not like the Census Plan, I do not
like it, Census Sam.

How 'bout tonight, when you get
home—you could answer on the
phone.

I will not answer when I get home,

I will not answer on the phone.

I will not answer at my house.

I will not answer with my spouse.

I will not answer here or there; I will
not answer anywhere.

I do not like the Census Plan, I do not
like it, Census Sam.

Would you answer just for me? It
could help your community.

I will not answer just for you.

I will not answer when I get home.

I will not answer on the phone.

I will not answer at my house.

I will not answer with my spouse.

Not here or there, not anywhere!

I do not like the Census Plan, I do not
like it, Census Sam.

Do you have a job, and a son named
Bob?

Do you rent or do you own? Do you
have a telephone?

Do you work every day, and do you
receive any pay?

Do you have savings for when you're
old, and where did you go when
your company sold?

Isn't it time you see what this is, the
survey we call CPS [Current Popu-
lation Survey]?

Sam, if I answer, will you let me be?

Indeed, indeed. For you to answer is
all I need.

So Sam got his chance with the skept-
tical man.

And when he finished, Sam smiled
and asked, so tell me, respondent,
what do you think?

And the respondent replied:

Wow! It's as simple as it can be, and
I'm not in any misery.

This Census Plan is truly great. Do
they do this in every state?

And if I answer and don't whine, it
will be much faster next time.

I do so like the Census Plan. Thank
you, thank you, Census Sam.